

HONORING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF EDEN HOUSING, INC.

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eden Housing, Inc. of Hayward, California on the occasion of its thirty-fifth anniversary. Eden Housing, Inc. was founded in 1968 by a group of dedicated individuals who were concerned about the lack of affordable housing in Alameda County. The original board members developed Eden's first affordable development, the 150-unit Josephine Lum Lodge for seniors in Hayward, California.

Since starting its first project nearly 35 years ago, Eden Housing has created 4,200 units of affordable housing for low income families, seniors and persons with disabilities, and has become one of the most active non-profit affordable housing developers in California. As it has grown, the organization has expanded its development activities into six Northern California counties. From its small but ambitious beginning, Eden, and its two major affiliates, Eden Housing Management, Inc. and nonprofit Eden Housing Resident Services, Inc. now employ a combined professional staff of 120 employees. The organization is guided by an eleven member volunteer board of directors from a wide spectrum of professional fields.

In addition to meeting the needs for affordable shelter, Eden Housing is committed to helping its residents improve their lives through free onsite supportive services and programs provided by Eden's nonprofit affiliate, Eden Housing Resident Services, Inc. These services include children's summer and after-school programs, scholarships for deserving adults, senior health and fitness programs, onsite service coordination, and computer learning programs where children learn skills to help them succeed in school, and adults acquire skills to help them compete for better employment opportunities.

Throughout its history, Eden Housing has made it a priority to mentor and partner with smaller non-profit organizations to build their capacity while providing housing to serve special populations or geographic communities. Included in Eden's collaborations are a 100-unit senior apartment complex, developed with East Bay Issei, a coalition of Japanese American groups concerned with creating housing for their senior constituents; multiple partnerships with Community Resources for Independent Living and the Mentally Handicapped Children's Organization to create developments for persons with disabilities; and a collaboration with East Bay Habitat for Humanity to build homes in Fremont for first-time buyers.

In its thirty-fifth year, Eden Housing is celebrating the future, as well as the past. Eden Housing, Inc. is breaking ground on new developments and opening others. The organization is conducting feasibility studies for additional units and continues to search out new opportunities, all of which support Eden Housing's commitment to provide affordable housing in Northern California well into the future.

Congratulations Eden Housing, Inc. I applaud your dedication and exemplary contributions.

RECOGNITION OF SSM HEALTH CARE AND ST. MARY'S/GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize SSM Health Care for receiving the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. SSM Health Care sponsors St. Mary's/Good Samaritan Hospitals in Centralia and Mt. Vernon, both located in the 19th Congressional District of Illinois.

I am very proud of their accomplishment. SSM Health Care is the first health care organization to win the award. The award is given annually by the United States Department of Commerce and is the highest award a U.S. company can receive for management and quality achievement.

The leadership, medical staff, and all employees continually strive to meet the needs of their patients first. Their level of service is outstanding and very responsive. I thank them for their commitment to quality health care, but above all to the citizens of this great nation. Keep up the excellent work.

STEPHEN G. MCCAHAN, JR.

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stephen G. "Mack" McCahan, Jr., an outstanding resident of Southcentral Pennsylvania who perfectly epitomizes the spirit of America. Mr. McCahan is a superb professional, an outstanding pharmacist, and a genuine expert in his field.

On August 22, 2003, Mr. McCahan will reach a true landmark, 50 years of service in the pharmacy profession. In the course of his career, Mr. McCahan has demonstrated high quality work and has exceeded all ethical standards. He has touched thousands of patients and positively impacted each community that he has served.

Mack McCahan started as a staff pharmacist in the United States Navy at Camp LeJeune, NC from 1953-1955. From there he moved to Bellfonte, PA to continue his pharmaceutical career and then to Waynesboro, PA where he worked at Minnick's Pharmacy. It was in 1963 that Mr. McCahan bought the Agnew Drug Store in Everett, PA and renamed it the Everett Pharmacy. In 1971, his brother Larry joined the business. In 1985, he further expanded his business by opening McCahan's pharmacy in Saxton, PA with his son Steve and his brother.

During his time in Everett, Mr. McCahan has become a leader in the community. His friendliness and goodwill have made him recognized by all. To that end, Mack and his wife Jean have been friends of the Shuster family for over 30 years. Having grown up with his sons, Steve and Matt, I know his goodwill personally, in fact growing up I was a member of the family.

It was only in 2001, that Mr. McCahan sold the business to his son and his brother. In that

effort, he has helped to continue the legacy of a family pharmacy, to act in the best interest of the patient, and has passed that lesson to his son.

Today, Mack McCahan still continues to work in the pharmacy, by filling in for his brother and son on their days off. In his free time, he can be found with his lovely wife.

I salute Mack McCahan and congratulate him on 50 years of tremendous success in both his career and his leadership within the community.

HONORING THE LOGAN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSICS TEAM AND COACH TOMMIE LINDSEY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Logan High School forensics team, and their coach Tommie Lindsey.

Recently, thirteen students from Logan High competed in the National Forensic League tournament in Atlanta, where five team members went twelve out of the thirteen rounds. One team member completed all thirteen rounds, winning the championship, and a \$6,000 scholarship. Logan is one of only five schools that received the School of Excellence Award—and the only one from California—from a field that included 1,000 schools.

Coach Tommie Lindsey's successful coaching style was the subject of a PBS Documentary last year called "Accidental Hero: Room 408." Students are back in Room 408 at Logan, where Lindsey is preparing them for the coming year in a summer-school program that includes 156 of the 240 students who make up the forensics team. Room 408 is filled with dozens of certificates of merit and stacked high to the ceiling with trophies.

Four Logan students have won national forensics championships in the past 15 years, and 20 other students have reached the semifinal round of the competition. But those aren't the statistics Lindsey is most proud of.

This year, 27 or the 28 graduating seniors on the forensic team are going to four-year colleges and the other one is going to junior college, according to Lindsey. In a school where, Lindsey said, about 40 percent of the graduates go on to college, the numbers of the forensics team speaks volumes.

Lindsey has been coaching forensics for 27 years, and at Logan since 1989. He is the director of forensics and a teacher, but to his students, he is much more. According to them, they benefit from his coaching and beyond. He advises students on how to perform, how to maintain their concentration during a performance, how to dress and how to treat competitors. He also encourages them to volunteer in the community, such as their recent work with elementary school students.

It is with pride and honor that I commend the Logan High School Forensics Team and Tommie Lindsey for their community involvement, their passion to succeed, and continued commitment to excellence.